

Section II (Amendment of the Claims)

1. (Original) A training system comprising a user terminal for executing training for user skill acquisition by using music data of an original work; a trainer terminal for generating training information for user skill acquisition; and a server for carrying out communications with the user terminal and the trainer terminal over a network, wherein:

the trainer terminal comprises:

generating means for generating, based on trainer instructions, training information related to the original work music data; and

transmitting means for transmitting generated training information to the server,

the server comprises:

distributing means for distributing received training information to the user terminal, and

the user terminal comprises:

playback means for repeatedly playing back the original work music data based on distributed training information.

2. (Original) The training system according to Claim 1, characterized in that said generated training information includes break information for showing arbitrary breaks in music data, and

said user terminal playback means specifies parts to be played back in the music data on the basis of the break information included in distributed training information, and repeatedly plays back the specified parts.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to ~~either Claim 1 or Claim 2~~, characterized in that said generated training information includes a control program for controlling the playback of music data on the basis of break information, and

said user terminal playback means references the break information in accordance with the control program included in distributed training information, and repeatedly plays back the music data.

4. (Currently Amended) The training system according to ~~any of Claims Claim 1 through 3~~, characterized in that said generated training information includes additional information to be played back in association with music data, and

said user terminal further comprises outputting means for outputting the additional information in association with music data in accordance with a control program included in distributed training information.

5. (Currently Amended) The training system according to ~~any of Claims Claim 1 through 4~~, characterized in that said generated training information includes characteristic information of said music data, which is extracted in accordance with a prescribed extraction condition from music data corresponding to the training information, and

said user terminal further comprises determination means for extracting, from music data intended for playback, characteristic information of the music data in accordance with said prescribed extraction condition, and determining whether or not this extracted characteristic information coincides with characteristic information included in distributed training information.

6. (Original) The training system according to Claim 1 characterized in that said server further comprises calculation means for calculating, in accordance with the distribution status of training information, an amount to be billed to a user and an amount to be paid to a trainer.

7. (Original) A training method based on a training system comprising a user terminal for executing training for user skill acquisition by using music data of an original work; a trainer terminal for generating training information for user skill acquisition; and a server for carrying out communications with the user terminal and the trainer terminal over a network, wherein:

said trainer terminal generates, based on trainer instructions, training information related to music data of an original work, and transmitting this generated training information to the server;

said server distributes received training information to the user terminal; and

said user terminal repeatedly plays back the original work music data based on the distributed training information.

8. (New) The system according to Claim 2, characterized in that said generated training information includes a control program for controlling the playback of music data on the basis of break information, and

said user terminal playback means references the break information in accordance with the control program included in distributed training information, and repeatedly plays back the music data.

9. (New) The training system according to Claim 2, characterized in that said generated training information includes additional information to be played back in association with music data, and

said user terminal further comprises outputting means for outputting the additional information in association with music data in accordance with a control program included in distributed training information.

10. (New) The training system according to Claim 3, characterized in that said generated training information includes additional information to be played back in association with music data, and

said user terminal further comprises outputting means for outputting the additional information in association with music data in accordance with a control program included in distributed training information.

11. (New) The training system according to Claim 2, characterized in that said generated training information includes characteristic information of said music data, which is extracted in accordance with a prescribed extraction condition from music data corresponding to the training information, and

said user terminal further comprises determination means for extracting, from music data intended for playback, characteristic information of the music data in accordance with said prescribed extraction condition, and determining whether or not this extracted characteristic information coincides with characteristic information included in distributed training information.

12. (New) The training system according to Claim 3, characterized in that said generated training information includes characteristic information of said music data, which is extracted in accordance with a prescribed extraction condition from music data corresponding to the training information, and

said user terminal further comprises determination means for extracting, from music data intended for playback, characteristic information of the music data in accordance with said prescribed extraction condition, and determining whether or not this extracted characteristic information coincides with characteristic information included in distributed training information.

13. (New) The training system according to Claim 4, characterized in that said generated training information includes characteristic information of said music data, which is extracted in accordance with a prescribed extraction condition from music data corresponding to the training information, and

said user terminal further comprises determination means for extracting, from music data intended for playback, characteristic information of the music data in accordance with said prescribed extraction condition, and determining whether or not this extracted characteristic information coincides with characteristic information included in distributed training information.